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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Date: March 16, 2022

Re: **Docket No(s). 22-049-34 and 22-049-35:** Agreement filing in the Matter of the Amended Interconnection Agreements between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and RCLEC, Inc.

Recommendation (Acknowledge):

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) acknowledge the receipt of these Amended Interconnection Agreements.

Discussion:

On or about March 07, 2022, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) filed Amended Interconnection Agreements per the above-referenced dockets in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. These Agreements have been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on March 04, 2022, with RCLEC, Inc.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreements between CenturyLink and RCLEC, Inc. and sees no reason to reject them. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreements were negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed, or modified, these Agreements and all contracts adopting all, or part of these Agreements will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of these Amended Interconnection Agreements.

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